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**REMARKS**

The claims have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph and Applicant has obviated the rejection by amending claims 10 and 25 to depend from Claim 2 and cancelling claims 15 and 42.

The claims have been rejected under 35 USC § 112, first paragraph because of recitations in Claim 2. To overcome the rejection, Applicant has amended Claim 2 wherein the claim now contains the limitations of Claim 44.

Furthermore, Applicant has provided new Claim 45 containing the limitations of claims 2 and 6 (the embodiment of Figs. 15 and 16) and amended Claim 44 to depend from Claim 45.

Moreover, Applicant has provided new claims 46 and 47. Claim 46 is directed to the unification of the distal gear with the press member, so that thrust generated by the cam mechanism can be surely transmitted to the press member to surely cause engagement of the frictional multiplate clutch. Claim 47 is directed to the detachment of the proximal gear from the output shaft, to simplify or facilitate manufacturing the coupling.

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One further claim in excess of twenty is added. One independent claim in excess of three is added. The fee of \$250.00 for the claim(s) is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

Applicant respectfully requests a three month extension of time for responding to the Office Action. The fee of \$1020.00 for the extension is provided for in the charge authorization presented in the PTO Form 2038, Credit Card Payment form, provided herewith.

If there is any discrepancy between the fee(s) due and the fee payment authorized in the Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 or the Form PTO-2038 is missing or fee payment via the Form PTO-2038 cannot be processed, the USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) or fee(s) deficiency or credit any excess payment to Deposit Account No. 10-1250.

In light of the foregoing, the application is now believed to be in proper form for allowance of all claims and notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

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